



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

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VIRUS-FREE PLANT

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated September 21, 2004. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 3.